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RESPONSEAssistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Response is submitted in the above-captioned application in response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on May 21, 2002. A two-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition and Fee for extending the response period two months, up to and including October 21, 2002, is enclosed.

Remarks

Claims 1 and 3-9 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 3-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). This rejection is traversed to the extent it is maintained over the arguments below.

Section 103(a)

Claims 1 and 3-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in light of Haning (US 6,174,884). Haning describes a general class of compounds that are inhibitors of PDE1, 2 and/or 5 that are useful in treating various disorders, including cerebrovascular disorders. No specific cerebrovascular disorders are described by